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Application No.: 10/735,030
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Inventor(s): Vahid SAADAT et al.
Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND
SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS
Examiner: Lang, Amy T.
Group Art Unit: 3751

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2007. Filed herewith are a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed with this response is a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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